



## POST SHORTS

### Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Oct. 24, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

### MWR addresses customer concerns

Effective immediately, Gwen Meadows, marketing specialist for Morale, Welfare and Recreation, is coordinating all customer service issues. Her main role will be to gather customer concerns/issues and distribute them to the appropriate office for resolution.

If you have any questions or concerns, call Meadows at 410-278-4497 or e-mail her at gwen.meadows@usag.apg.army.mil.

### 2001 job fair to be held off post

The Aberdeen Proving Ground/Harford County job fair will be held Nov. 2, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Richlin Ballroom, in Edgewood.

Directions: From I-95, take Exit 77A, Edgewood. Take MD 24 towards Edgewood. At the first light, make a left onto Edgewood Road (Exxon Gas Station/Denny's Restaurant on the corner). Richlin Ballroom is the next entrance on your left.

Parking is available in the front and side of the ballroom. Parking permits are not needed.

For more information, contact Marilyn Howard, Army Community Service, at 410-278-9669/4372 or Denise Carnaggio, Harford Job Fair Council, at 410-638-3059.

### Employment Readiness Workshop

The Army Community Service, Family Member Employment Readiness office will sponsor an Employment Readiness Workshop, from 9 a.m. to noon, Oct. 22 to 24. This workshop is designed for adult family members, APG civilians, APG contractors, retirees, and active duty personnel. The workshop will prepare individuals for: a job interview; how to avoid the usual (and some unusual) pitfalls

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# APG firefighters honor fallen comrades



Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON

An overcame Michelle Green, left, is consoled by her stepfather, firefighter Richard C. Van Auken in the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Park in Emmitsburg, Md. Green's mother, Gail L. Van Auken, was one of 101 fallen firefighters who died in the year 2000 and was inducted into the park.

**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

Two Aberdeen Proving Ground firefighters participated in the annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Tribute held Oct. 6 to 7 in Emmitsburg, Md.

Andre Fournier, APG fire prevention specialist and George Hollenbaugh, APG firefighter, served as escorts to two of the families of fallen firefighters.

Still under construction, Congress has designated the national memorial as the official monument to fallen firefighters.

Thousands of firefighters from across the nation gathered for the induction of the 101 firefighters who died in the year 2000.

The keynote speaker was President George W. Bush, the first president to speak at the annual ceremony, now in its 20th year.

President Bush, referring to the fallen firefighters as "strong, caring, brave and upright," said their deaths represented a "national loss."

"Always know that your hero died in the service of others," he told the families. See **FIREFIGHTERS** page 13

## CFC marching along

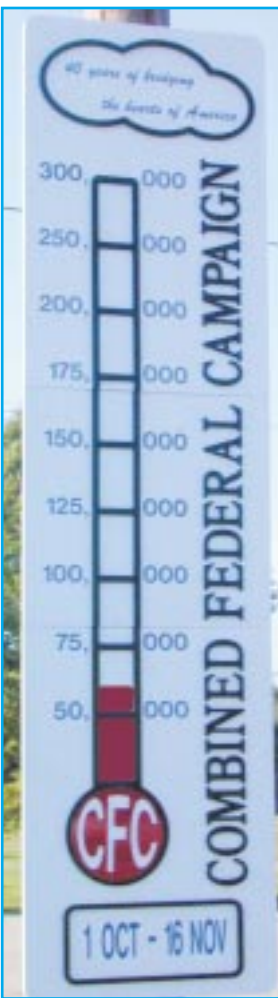


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APG News

In its second week, the Aberdeen Proving Ground Combined Federal Campaign has nearly doubled its contributions from the week before.

As of Oct. 15, total contributions stood at \$61,938.

Total award distributions include 63 Orioles, 40 Cardinals, 16 Falcons and 18 Eagles.

Wayne Doyel, CFC chair, said the campaign is starting well.

"We're ahead of where we were this time last year. We're hoping that people continue to remember the national, local and state organizations that need their help," Doyel said.

He added that prospective donors should remember the Nov. 14 drawing.

One person from APG can win the chance to be included in a statewide drawing for two round-trip USAir tickets to the destination of their choice. The name will be selected by Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG garrison commander, on Nov. 14 at 1 p.m. in building 2477.

## Deadline to convert VEAP to GI Bill nears

**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

Time is running out for servicemembers to convert from the old Veterans Educational Assistance Program, or VEAP, to the more generous Montgomery GI Bill or MGIB. Oct. 31 is the deadline to sign up for the educational option.

Ela Karczewska, Aberdeen Proving Ground education specialist, said that the post education centers have access to 42,000 names of conversion eligibles.

"If soldiers are not sure if they are eligible, they should contact us right away to find out," Karczewska said.

She added that Oct. 31 is not a deadline to pay or to start an allotment.

"It is the deadline to sign the Department of Defense Form 2366 conversion form," she said. "We won't be able to back date the form even by one day."

She added that by signing the conversion form, soldiers who are unsure if they want to make the conversion could buy themselves extra time to make that decision.

"After the deadline, you have no choice," she said.

The VEAP is the education program designed for post-Vietnam era soldiers.

It offered up to \$8,100 to help pay for high-

er education based on a \$2,700 individual contribution.

In November 2000, MGIB entitlements were increased 23 percent, allowing soldiers serving three or more years on active duty to receive \$23,400 or \$650 monthly, based on a 36-month, full-time school installment plan. For those serving less than three years, the payment is \$550. On Oct. 1, the rates increased again to \$672 a month for a total of \$24,192. For those serving less than three years, the rate is \$546 a month.

Under the Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvements Act of 2000, Public Law 106-419, VEAP enrolled soldiers meeting certain criteria, may convert their educational options to MGIB.

Those wishing to convert must make an irrevocable election to change to the MGIB; withdraw any balance left in their VEAP Accounts; and make or complete a \$2,700 payment during an 18-month open window beginning from the day they opt to convert to the MGIB.

"This is a very good deal for soldiers wanting to continue their civilian education," said Lt. Col. George Richon, chief of the Recruiting Resources Branch, Enlisted Accessions Division, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel.

Soldiers must meet the following criteria to

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## Use or lose leave extended

**Joe Burlas**  
Army News service

Soldiers may carry up to 80 days of leave into the new fiscal year because of the increased military tempo created by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the Pentagon and New York World Trade Center, according to defense officials.

Normally, servicemembers may only carry over 60 days leave from year to year. Unless special circumstances exist, leave in excess of 60 days is usually lost at the end of the fiscal year.

In a memorandum dated Sept. 18 the Department of Defense directed all services to allow the special leave accrual of up to 80 days. The Total Army Personnel Command issued special leave accrual instructions for soldiers Sept. 27.

"DoD is doing this because it's just the right thing to do," said Lt. Col. Nobel Lugo, a finance action officer with the Army's Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel. "A lot of military leaves were

canceled immediately following the attacks due to a significant need to increase force protection at all Army installations. This special leave accrual authority will allow those soldiers to take up to an additional 20 days excess leave they've earned in FY 2001 and use it by the end of FY 2004."

The reason why an additional 20 days was selected, rather than another number, is because 20 days is all the leave that someone could have scheduled between the day of the attacks and the end of fiscal year 2001 — Sept. 11 to 30, he explained.

Earned military leave accrues at the rate of 2.5 days per month of active federal service. Reservists only accrue military leave when called to active-duty for periods of 30 days or more.

Civilian leave is based on the calendar year, instead of the fiscal year that ends Sept. 30.

Neither the Office of Personnel Management nor

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## USS Cole sailor remembered

Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Fred Savadge, center, American Legion Post 128 commander, flanked by honor guards Tony Ranieri, left, and Angela Conlon, prepare to lay a wreath at the grave of Joshua Parlett, the Churchville, Md., sailor killed in the bombing of the USS Cole one year ago. See story on page 13.

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when interviewing for a job; how to prepare a resume; search for the hidden job market; constructing and writing a letter of transmittal and introduction when responding to an advertisement, and forwarding resumes for consideration for employment.

The course will be held at ACS, Career Focus Center, building 2752 Rodman Road, Aberdeen Area. The instructor will be Edward Kreiner Sr., corporate executive of numerous national corporations.

Commanders and supervisors are encouraged to allow their personnel the opportunity to attend the workshop. For more information or to register, call Marilyn Howard, employment manager, ACS, 410-278-9669/4372, or fax a request to attend this class to 410-278-9685.

MCSC apple pies available for purchase

Beginning Oct. 23, homemade apple pies made by members of the Aberdeen Area Military and Civilian Spouses' Club will be available for purchase for \$5 each. You may pick them up that day from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Chapel. Future arrangements for pick-up can be made by calling Angie Salamy, 410-272-6712, or by stopping by the Aberdeen Area Thrift Shop. All proceeds benefit the welfare and scholarship funds.

RAB meeting scheduled

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting Oct. 25, 7 to 9:45 p.m., at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. The topics will include an update on the Lauderick Creek CWM Removal Action along with the Graces Quarters and Carroll Island study areas. Board meetings are open to the public. All APG employees and citizens are invited. For more information, call the Information Line at 410-272-8842 or 1-800-APG-9998.

Civilian ID card update

Employees should make arrangements to pick up completed identification cards as soon as possible. With the exception of those cards awaiting pick-up, the backlog has been eliminated, and new applicants are receiving their cards on the spot. Current cardholders whose cards are more than 10 years old, with photographs that no longer resemble them, should apply for new cards. For more information in the Aberdeen Area, contact Ellen Hopkins, 410-306-2381; in the Edgewood Area, contact Michelle Tulsa, 410-436-3360.

Closures at KUSAHC

Effective immediately the After Hours Clinic at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will be closed on Sundays and holidays. Patients needing advice on their health care can call the Nurse Advice Line at 1-800-308-3518. If you feel you have an emergency problem, call 911 or go to the emergency room at the nearest hospital.

ARL sponsors blood drive Nov. 8

The American Red Cross will conduct a blood drive on Aberdeen Proving Ground sponsored by the U.S. Army Research Laboratory in building 330, which is located at the intersection of Longs Corner Road and Tower Road on Nov. 8, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

To donate blood you must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, have no tattoos that are less than one year old, and have no sore throat, runny nose, or productive cough. To clear the 56-day limit between donations, you must have given on or before Sept. 13 to donate on Nov. 8.

Department of Defense blood donor restrictions effective Oct. 1 can be viewed at Web site <http://www.defenselink.mil/news> or contact Staff Sgt. Carla Laing, 410-278-5843 or e-mail [dlaing@arl.army.mil](mailto:dlaing@arl.army.mil).

If you can donate, e-mail or call (no voice mail) to make an appointment.

Hunting permits refunded for 2001 season

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Hunting Program for fall 2001/winter 2002 is cancelled as a result of increased force protection requirements.

Refunds for Aberdeen Proving Ground hunting permits will be administered through the Outdoor Recreation Office, building 2407. Refunds will automatically be processed so hunters do not need to call or visit Outdoor Recreation. All hunters will receive their refunds via check and/or credit card refund through the mail. For more information, call the Equipment Resource Center, 410-278-4124.

PIE meeting cancelled for October

The Parent Information Exchange, or PIE, for Exceptional Family Members will not meet for the month of October. For further assistance, contact Reeshemah Bugg, EFMP manager,

410-278-7478/7474.

Bargains available at EA Thrift Shop

The Edgewood Area Thrift Shop, located in building E-1633, is open Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and the first Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Consignments are accepted on Tuesday, Thursday and the first Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The last Thursday and the first Saturday of the month are Bag Sale Days. All the clearance items you can fit in a paper bag for \$2. Merchandise varies daily. We currently have lots of infant items including strollers, bassinets and a crib.

For more information, call 410-676-4733.

Pollution Prevention

To reduce solid waste, buy computers that are easily upgraded instead of purchasing a complete new computer.

APG Pollution Prevention Program, Environmentally Preferable Product and Affirmative Procurement Policy



CWF sponsors two holiday trips

On Nov. 16, the Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a bus trip to the Three Little Bakers Dinner Theater for the annual Christmas Show. The price is \$45 per person, which includes dinner, the show, and charter bus transportation. The bus will depart at 4:30 p.m.

On Nov. 24, the CWF is sponsoring a holiday bus trip to the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Show, on Broadway, in New York City. There will be time for shopping and lunch before the show. The price is \$99 per person, which includes the show, and charter bus transportation. The bus will depart at 7 a.m.

For reservations or more information, call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever, 410-278-4603/4771.

Organist position available at EA chapel

A contract position is available for an organist in support of the chapel program at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground. Persons interested in applying for this position for fiscal year 2002 (Oct. 1, 2001 through Sept. 30, 2002) should contact Chaplain Michael Wallman at 410-278-4333/2886.

New number for leisure travel office

The new Carlson Wagonlit Leisure Travel Office telephone number is 410-272-7124.

Thrift Shop accepting welfare request applications

The Aberdeen Area Thrift Shop is accepting applications for Welfare Requests. All requests must be dropped off during regular business hours or mailed to Aberdeen Area Thrift Shop, building 2458, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21005. The deadline for requests is Oct. 31. The thrift shop is open Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and every first Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Fast-track fall courses begin Oct. 25 at HCC

Students can earn credits toward a degree in eight weeks in a fall session beginning Oct. 25 and ending Dec. 18. Students may register in person or add a class through Oct. 24 at Harford Community College's Aberdeen Proving Ground Center, building 3146, Raritan Avenue, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and alternate Friday's (Oct. 12 and 26) from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information call 410-272-2338 or 410-278-0516. Fall term II includes courses in automotive technology, criminal justice, geography, history, human development, office systems, physical education, psychology, and speech.

Registration is also underway at HCC's Student Center. Hours of registration are Monday to Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Payment is due at the time of registration. HCC accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express. Mail-in and fax registrations must be received by Oct. 24, and registration must be accompanied by credit card payment information, including account number, expiration date, and signature. HCC fax registration forms are available in the Schedule of Credit Classes pamphlet, which was mailed to all Harford County residents, or from HCC's Office of Registration and Records. For

more information, call 410-836-4222 or 410-879-8920, ext. 222 or stop by the Registration and Records area in the Student Center.

Fall term II schedule of classes, applications for admission, and registration forms are available on the College's Web site [www.harford.cc.md.us](http://www.harford.cc.md.us).

Sign-up for Christmas Gift Wrap Program

Plans are underway for the 2001 Christmas Gift Wrap Program sponsored by AAFES and coordinated by the Directorate of Information Management. All Aberdeen Proving Ground family support groups, non-profit organizations and volunteer activities affiliated with APG are eligible to participate and should designate a point of contact to be eligible for donations.

Organizations/activities interested in participating must contact James Walker, 410-278-1261, by Oct. 26 with the name and phone number of your contact. All contacts must attend a mandatory meeting Nov. 6 at 10 a.m. in building 324. During this meeting contacts will draw for dates and times for their organization to work the gift wrap booth. Space is limited so sign up early.

AAFES will provide the wrapping paper, limited gift boxes and an area to wrap at the main PX. Organizations/activities will be responsible for providing the labor, tape, scissors, ribbon, etc., and will receive all the money their group earns. Packages are wrapped for donations only.

Gift wrapping starts the day after Thanksgiving and runs through Christmas eve. To register your organization, call 410-278-1261.

Post closing announcement info

Employees of Aberdeen Proving Ground concerned about whether or not to report to work should call 410-278-7669 (SNOW). Television channels 2, 11, 13 and 45, as well as radio stations WAMD, WXCX, WBAL, WIYY, WPOC, WDEL, WSTW, WSBA, WARM and WROZ will also carry this information. When in doubt, contact your supervisor.

Gate operations at APG

The Harford Gate (Route 22) in the Aberdeen Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground closes each weeknight at 8 p.m. The Maryland Boulevard Gate, Route 715, (Tank Row) is the only 24 hour-a-day, seven-day-per-week access point to the Aberdeen Area.

The Harford Gate continues to be closed each Friday at 8 p.m. and remains closed until 4 a.m. on Monday (unless Monday is a federal holiday, then it reopens at 4 a.m. on Tuesday).

Until further notice, the only gate open in the Edgewood Area from 8 p.m. Friday through 4 a.m. Monday is Route 24 in Edgewood.

Submitting articles to APG News under Force Protection Condition Delta

In preparation for any future Force Protection Condition Delta, an e-mail mailbox is available to receive news for publication in APG News at [editor@apgnews.com](mailto:editor@apgnews.com).

This should only be used when "mission essential" personnel are reporting to Aberdeen Proving Ground. The paper will then be prepared and published at Homestead Publishing Company in Bel Air rather than at the APG office.

KUSAHC offers classes

The following classes will be held in the Preventive Medicine conference room (Room A-12) at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic.

For more information and to register for a class, call Preventive Medicine, 410-278-1964.

**Asthma education:** One two-hour class for asthma patients and parents and sponsors of asthma patients will be held Oct. 25 7 to 9 p.m. Topics will include an overview of asthma, preventing attacks, developing a personal asthma action plan, triggers that may cause attacks or symptoms and use of a peak flow meter and MDI/spacer. All TRICARE beneficiaries are invited to attend.

**Take care of yourself:** The Take Care of Yourself class will be held the first and third Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. All patients enrolled in TRICARE Prime are eligible to attend. The purpose of the class is to teach patients how to treat minor illnesses and injuries at home and when to see a doctor.

Attendees will receive a Medicine Cabinet Card which will allow them to request specific over-the-counter medications without having to see a Primary Care Provider. This education class and pharmacy privilege is limited to TRICARE Prime enrollees only. To enroll, call 410-278-1725.

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PET OF THE WEEK



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Furry friend

Cute and furry, this 8-week old kitten and other pets are available for adoption at the Post Veterinary Treatment Facility. The VTF pet clinic hours have changed from once to twice a week, thanks to the addition of a full-time veterinarian to its staff. Capt. Heidi Loheide will hold clinic on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. To make an appointment or to find out about adopting a pet, call the VTF at 410-278-4604.



# AFAP answers community, health, consumer issues

**Sheila Little**  
APG News

The Army Family Action Plan symposium was designed as a forum for active duty and retired military, dependents and civilian workers to address their concerns to those who can initiate change. This is the sixth in a series of articles with answers to questions brought up at Aberdeen Proving Ground's 2001 AFAP.

**Issue: Inadequate upkeep of community parks and areas around youth centers**

Playgrounds and basketball courts are inadequate and unsafe due to broken glass, rusty equipment, uneven pavement and pot-holes.

**Recommendation:** Repair or replace the basketball rims, expand the basketball courts, and add streetlights and benches to the parks and areas around the basketball courts.

**Resolution:** A playground improvement and consolidation master plan has been developed and coordinated between the Housing and Safety divisions. As funds become available, improvements will be initiated. Areas deemed unsafe will be closed until the improvements are made.

**Issue: Lack of knowledge of dental services for eligible personnel**

Dental program beneficiaries frequently do not know how to access dental care. The lack of knowledge results in neglect of dental health and unnecessary costs to those who seek care outside the scope of provider services.

**Recommendation:** Extend the role of the unit dental liaison

to include instructions and information on the TRICARE dental plan, and provide a dental representative at all newcomer orientations.

**Resolution:** TRICARE information booklets and enrollment forms are made available to unit representatives to distribute. A dental representative, with similar information on hand, will attend all newcomer briefings.

**Issue: Incomplete work orders**

When work orders are called in to the Directorate of Public Works, customers do not feel that they are receiving adequate and timely feedback. Many customers do not know that they should request a work order number in order to track the status of their request, such as when and if the item will be fixed and if and how they can get the materials to repair it themselves. The result is that requests are not being called in and residents are not happy with the state of their quarters.

**Recommendation:** Increase communication between the work order desk and the customer by adding information to the APG Web site so customers can track their requests and get information on how to do simple repairs if feasible. When filing a work order request, residents must leave updated phone numbers, and at least two numbers where they may be reached if they work away from home. If a repairman arrives at the quarters and determines that the work should be done by someone else, have the request automatically forwarded to the appropriate person, rather than just close out the work order. Let the customer know that another person is looking into the request if the order is forwarded.

**Resolution:** Current policy states that if repairmen determine that the work is not within their scope of expertise or is considered too extensive, the work order is forwarded to the job supervisor for re-direction. The supervisor then forwards the job to the appropriate person. Repairmen enter homes to accomplish jobs while an adult is present, and if the customer is unsure of the status of the work order, they should ask the repairman while he is there.

Those residents who feel that they are capable of accomplishing minor repairs should check at the Re-Nu-It centers for basic directions and the availability of any needed materials. Setting up the Web site so customers can track their work orders is not considered practical or cost-effective, and will not be implemented at this time. If customers record their work order number and call the service order desk, personnel will be able to look up the status for the customer.

**Issue: Network delays for those using the debit-credit card reader at the commissary**

Customers are not always aware that there can be long delays between the time the debit/credit card reader has been swiped and approved. Customers, thinking their transaction did not go through, re-swipe and end up being charged twice.

**Recommendation:** Place a sign on the readers to expect delays and not re-swipe, up-grade to avoid delays, or allow the cashiers to do the swiping.

**Resolution:** Cashiers are now doing all card swiping at the remote readers.

## Food safety is a year-round priority

**Sgt. Todd Thomas**  
APG Veterinary Command

The Aberdeen Branch, Food Inspection Section encourages awareness of safe handling procedures for foods at all times. This year, they focused on the importance of keeping food cool during preparation and storage while traveling or shopping.

Make sure the temperature in the refrigerator is 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below zero in the freezer. Use a refrigerator/freezer thermometer to check the temperature.

**Keeping food cold**

- Don't overfill refrigerators. Cool air must circulate to keep foods safe.
- Refrigerate or freeze perishables, prepared foods and leftovers within two hours of

purchase or preparation or within one hour if the outside temperature is above 90 degrees.

- Thaw food in the refrigerator. For quick thawing, submerge in cold water in airtight packaging or thaw in the microwave. Cook the food immediately after thawing.
- Divide large quantities of leftovers into shallow containers for quick cooling in the refrigerator.
- Marinate food in the refrigerator.
- When transporting food, place cold foods in a cooler with ice or commercial freezing gels.
- Transport the cooler in the coolest part of the car, not in a hot trunk.

**Did you know ....**

Did you know that at room

temperature, harmful bacteria in food can double every 20 minutes? The more bacteria, the greater the chances of illness. It is important to refrigerate foods quickly because cold temperatures keep most bacteria from multiplying.

**Chill factors**

Bacteria grow most rapidly in the danger zone - the unsafe temperatures between 40 to 140 degrees Fahrenheit. It is key to keep foods out of this temperature range.

**Defrosting do's**

- Defrost food in the refrigerator. This is the safest method for all foods.
- Short on time? Thaw meat and poultry in airtight packaging

submerged in cold water. Change the water every 30 minutes so the food continues to thaw.

- Defrost food in the microwave only if it will be cooked immediately
- Food can be cooked without defrosting it first. Make sure food reaches its safe internal temperature.

**Defrosting don'ts**

- Avoid keeping foods in the danger zone.
- Don't defrost food in hot water.
- Don't thaw food on the counter. Food left at room temperature longer than two hours, or one hour if the temperature is above 90 degrees, is not within a safe tempera-

ture range and may not be safe to eat.

**When traveling:**

- Keep frozen foods in the refrigerator or freezer until ready to travel.
- Always use ice packs and fill your cooler. A full cooler will maintain its temperature longer than one that is partially filled.
- When traveling, keep coolers in the air-conditioned passenger compartment of the car rather than in the hot trunk.
- Take-home doggie bags from restaurants should be refrigerated within two hours of receiving.

**References:**

USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline: 1-800-535-4555

USDA, Washington, D.C.: 202-720-3333

TTY: 1-800-256-7072

U.S. Food and Drug Administration: 1-888-SAFE FOOD

FDA Web site: [www.cfsan.fda.gov/](http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/)

Adhering to these time limits will help keep refrigerated foods from spoiling or becoming unsafe to eat.

Storage times are from the date of purchase. Expiration dates are not important after food is frozen.

For more information, call the APG Veterinary Command at the APG Commissary, 410-278-4628/4604.

## Soldier Show comes to APG

Aberdeen Proving Ground Morale, Welfare and Recreation will host performances of the Soldier Show on Nov. 12 and 13 at the post theater. The two Nov. 12 performances are open to U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools personnel. The Nov. 13 showing is open to the public for anyone with a current government identification card.

There is no admission charge for either performance and attendees are urged to arrive early to assure seating.

For more information, contact Gwen Meadows, Morale, Welfare and Recreation marketing specialist, 410-278-4497, fax 410-278-9537, or e-mail [gwen.meadows@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:gwen.meadows@usag.apg.army.mil).

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# Questions answered about anthrax

Courtesy of DeploymentLink

The recent anthrax-related death and ongoing investigations have many asking about anthrax – what is it and what do I need to do to protect myself and my family?

Information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says that anthrax is an acute infectious disease caused by the spore-forming bacterium *Bacillus anthracis*. Anthrax most commonly occurs in hoofed mammals and can also infect humans.

Symptoms of the disease vary depending on how the disease was contracted, but usually occur within seven days after exposure. The serious forms of human anthrax are inhalation anthrax, cutaneous (skin) anthrax, and intestinal anthrax.

Initial symptoms of inhalation anthrax infection may resemble a common cold. After several days, the symptoms may progress to severe breathing problems and shock. Inhalation anthrax is often fatal.

In its most common form, anthrax is a skin disease that causes skin ulcers at the site where the bacterium enters the skin. Up to 20 percent of these cases are fatal if left untreated.

The intestinal form of anthrax may follow the consumption of contaminated food and is characterized by an acute inflammation of the intestinal tract. Initial signs of nausea, loss of appetite, vomiting, and fever are followed by abdominal pain, vomiting of blood, and severe diarrhea.



Slide of *Bacillus anthracis*

Direct person-to-person spread of anthrax is extremely unlikely, if it occurs at all. Therefore, there is no need to immunize or treat contacts of persons ill with anthrax, such as household contacts, friends, or coworkers, unless they were also exposed to the same source of infection.

In persons exposed to anthrax, infection can be prevented by antibiotic treatment. Early treatment of anthrax is essential – delay lessens chances for survival. Anthrax usually is susceptible to penicillin, doxycycline, and fluoroquinolones.

An anthrax vaccine also can prevent infection. Vaccination against anthrax is not recommended for the general public to prevent disease and is not available.

Several instances of the public buying gas masks and hoarding medicine in anticipation of a possible bioterrorist or chemical attack, have been reported.

Officials at the CDC do not recommend either. Local and state health departments are primed to investigate possible cases of anthrax and will inform the public about the actions individuals need to take.

To learn more about anthrax, visit the CDC's Web site at [www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dbmd/diseaseinfo/anthrax\\_g.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dbmd/diseaseinfo/anthrax_g.htm) or the Defense Department Web site at [www.anthrax.osd.mil/](http://www.anthrax.osd.mil/), or call 1-800-438-8222.

(Editor's note: DeploymentLink Web site is <http://deploymentlink.osd.mil/>.)



## Emergency care defined under enhanced security

Courtesy of TRICARE

In times of enhanced security at military installations it may be difficult for TRICARE beneficiaries to access uniformed services hospitals and clinics. The TRICARE Management Activity developed the following guidance for beneficiaries seeking emergency, urgent and routine care at uniformed services facilities that are under these conditions.

In case of medical emergency, TRICARE beneficiaries should seek immediate treatment at the nearest hospital. This is true whether or not they are enrolled in TRICARE Prime. TRICARE defines an emergency as a medical, maternity or psychiatric condition that would lead a "prudent layperson" (someone with average knowledge of health and medicine) to believe that a serious medical condition exists. An emergency condition is one in which the absence of medical attention would result in a threat to life, limb, or sight and requires immediate medical treatment. Further, it may be a condition marked by severe pain that requires immediate relief to alleviate suffering.

While the definition of an emergency may sound complicated, it really means that beneficiaries who believe they are experiencing a serious medical condition that requires immediate

treatment should go to the nearest emergency room. TRICARE will assist in paying for the cost of their care. This is true for beneficiaries who use TRICARE Standard or Extra or who are enrolled in Prime.

TRICARE beneficiaries who become ill but don't require emergency care as described above may require urgent care. Those enrolled in TRICARE Prime who have a primary care provider who works out of a uniformed services facility that is inaccessible due to increased security are encouraged to call their provider for assistance. Providers or staff members at military treatment facilities can inform beneficiaries of their best options for necessary care. In many circumstances, this may include taking care of oneself under the advice of a provider or a change in timing of the needed visit as appropriate.

Beneficiaries also may contact their regional Health Care Information Line for information on self-care.

During times of increased security, routine appointments should be rescheduled if access to a military treatment facility is restricted.

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- Before applying for benefits, servicemember must have completed requirements for a secondary school diploma (or equivalency certificate) or have successfully completed the equivalent of 12 semester hours in a program of education leading to a standard college degree.
- Make an irrevocable decision to enroll in the MGIB no later than Oct. 31, 2001 by signing DD Form 2366.
- Make a lump sum payment of \$2,700 or have \$2,700 reduced from pay.

The total must be paid within 18 months after the DD Form 2366 is signed.

### Note:

Eligible soldiers will be entitled to 36 months of full-time benefits, provided they have not used more than 12 months of benefits under VEAP. Any VEAP benefits greater than 12 months will be reduced from the 36-month MGIB entitlement. Soldiers would need to use five months of full-time MGIB benefits to make this conversion worthwhile.

For more information, contact the education counselors at the AA/EA Education Centers at 410-278-3515/2380 or 410-436-2166, or log onto the GI Bill Web site: [www.gibill.gov](http://www.gibill.gov).



# Memorials honor Guard soldiers killed

**Master Sgt. Bob Haskell**  
*Army News Service*

Victims from the Washington, D.C. area's National Guard family, including civilian workers and Chief Warrant Officer William Ruth, 57, from Maryland, were remembered in a service at the Pentagon Oct. 11 at the Army National Guard Readiness Center in Arlington, Va.

A funeral service for Ruth was held Oct. 6, in Alliance, Ohio.

Ruth flew helicopters for the 104th Medical Company in Edgewood before beginning his Army personnel assignment at the Pentagon.

"Bill loved to fish. He loved going to his camp in Canada. He loved riding his motorcycle," recalled Col. John Reynolds, chief of the Army Guard's Human Resources Policy and Programs, about the Ruth he came to know well during the past two years.

Ruth flew medical evacuation helicopters in Vietnam as a Marine officer. He taught world geography and science in Maryland, and he served in Southwest Asia with the 29th Air Traffic Control Group as a warrant officer during the Persian Gulf War after joining the Maryland Army National Guard in 1976, said Col. Ronald Eaton, safety and avia-



Photo courtesy [www.army.mil](http://www.army.mil)  
**Chief Warrant Officer William Ruth**

tion director for the Maryland Army National Guard.

"Billy beat the drum for the National Guard, especially for the Maryland Guard. He was a man of character," said Eaton of the aviator who logged 3,500 hours in helicopters and 500 more in air-

planes. Ruth, who lived in Mount Airy, was also a ham radio operator, amateur astronomer and commander of a Veterans of Foreign Wars post.

"I helped get him interested in biking, and he went out and bought his Harley-Davidson before I bought mine," Reynolds recalled. "I didn't know he had been a Marine officer until after he died. He would always say 'I'm a warrant officer.'"

The Ohio native is survived by his mother Jane, his son Sean, a brother and sister who are both married and several nieces and nephews. Another son, Chad, predeceased him.

Another memorial service will be held 12:30 p.m., Oct. 22 at the Army National Guard Readiness Center.

"These memorial services give us the opportunity to share with the families the losses they have experienced. They give us the chance to reflect on life and death and the importance we place on the National Guard family," observed Col. Donald Hill, the National Guard Bureau's chief of chaplains.

*(Editor's note: Master Sgt. Bob Haskell is a member of the National Guard Bureau public affairs team.)*

# Pentagon employees remember fallen comrades

**Joe Burlas**  
*Army News Service,*

One month to the day following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the Pentagon and New York World Trade Center, about 10,000 Pentagon workers and family members of the victims gathered to remember those killed when a hijacked passenger jet slammed into the west side of the building, killing the 64 people aboard the airliner and another 125 people in the Pentagon.

While seating for the Oct. 11 memorial service was restricted to 10,000 tickets holders, others among the Pentagon's estimated 24,000 employees watched the solemn ceremony, which included Christian, Hebrew and Islamic readings, inside the building via closed circuit television.

Speaking on behalf of fam-

ily members of the victims, Lt. Gen. John A. Van Alstyne, director of the Pentagon Family Assistance Center, said all they asked for was that their loved ones be remembered for their daily heroic service leading up to the day of the attacks and ultimate sacrifice.

Standing just outside the Pentagon's River Entrance on the east side of the building, President George W. Bush promised the victims of the attacks would be remembered.

"We will never forget all the innocent people killed by the hatred of a few," Bush said. "We know the loneliness you feel in your loss; the entire nation shares in your sadness, and we pray for you and your loved ones. And, we will always honor their memory."

He listed a number of victims: three school children

traveling with their teacher on the hijacked jet, an Army general officer, a Department of the Army civilian who had worked 30 years in the Pentagon and a naval reservist.

The president recalled that construction on the Pentagon, "a symbol of America's freedom and confidence" and "a symbol of our strength in the world," began 60 years ago on Sept. 11, 1941.

"And on that very night, President Franklin Roosevelt spoke to the nation," Bush said. "The danger, he warned, has long ceased to be a mere possibility — the danger is here now. Not only from a military enemy, but from an enemy of all law, all liberty, all morality, all religion."

Like the Nazi regime of World War II, Bush said the terrorists of today reject the limits of law, morality and reli-

gion.

Speaking about the Taliban government in Afghanistan, Bush said it has allied itself with murderers in giving Usama Bin Laden and his al Qaeda terrorists a haven. Bush said there is no shelter from the United States and its allies.

"The Taliban regime has brought nothing but fear and misery to the people of Afghanistan," the president said. "These rulers call themselves holy men, even with their record of drawing money from heroin trafficking. They consider themselves pious and devout, while subjecting women to fierce brutality."

Bush listed a number of "decisive" assets the United States has to combat terrorism:

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# Cancer survivor stresses doing monthly exams

**Sheila Little**  
APG News

When Midge Carpe was diagnosed with breast cancer in November of 1999, she knew her strict adherence to monthly breast self-examination played a major role in finding the cancer at a treatable stage.

The Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic TRICARE service representative has been doing monthly breast exams for 15 years. Knowing that her aunt died of the disease and her older sister was diagnosed and successfully treated just five years ago, Carpe started paying particular attention.

An advocate of walking and healthy eating, the registered nurse said she had been monitoring a tiny cyst on her left breast for several years. When she felt the cyst had enlarged, she immediately went to her physician. An excision confirmed the diagnosis, and the wife and mother of two daughters, who were 7 and 12 at the time, underwent surgery.

chemotherapy and radiation while working full-time.

"My husband, and really my entire family, was supportive throughout the whole thing," Carpe said. She said her husband took over the meal preparation, and both daughters helped with cleaning and laundry, enabling Carpe to devote the majority of her energy to recovery.

Carpe said that initially her daughters were very upset at the diagnosis, but became very helpful when she suggested that they take on some of the chores around the house, helping her garner the energy needed to battle the disease.

"You're never really prepared, but my family helped me 150 percent, and they are the reason I pulled through," Carne said.

She also relied on advice given to her by her father, who said that even when something seems incredibly devastating, it could be worse, and there is always tomorrow.

"I remember him saying 'No matter how hard things are they could be worse,' and 'You can't dwell on the negative,'" she said.

After teaching her older daughter the proper procedure and importance of monthly exams, Carpe plans to teach her younger daughter as she matures.

The cancer survivor said it is important to practice healthy habits, know your body and seek help when you notice suspicious symptoms.

"You can't let the negative stop you, take it one day at a time," she said.

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All women are encouraged to conduct monthly self breast exams to check for changes in their breasts, and report changes to their physician. Nearly eight out of 10 breast lumps are proven to be benign, or noncancerous. According to the National Breast Cancer Organization, nearly 70 percent of malignant (cancerous) breast lumps are found through self exams, and there is a 96 percent cure rate for cancerous tumors found and treated early.

Regular mammograms also are helpful in detecting cancer in the early, curable stages. A baseline mammogram should be taken at age 35 to 40, then every one to two years, depending on age and other risk factors.

In addition, a healthy lifestyle of regular exercise, no smoking, little or no alcohol consumption, and a lowfat diet consisting of plenty of fruits and vegetables, including those known as 'cancer-fighters' such as cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, kale, brussel sprouts, dried beans and peas, tomatoes, citrus fruit and blueberries is recommended.

For more information, visit the National Breast Cancer Organization Web site at **[www.nationalbreastcancer.org](http://www.nationalbreastcancer.org)**.

# Leave

*From front page*

the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs has implemented a blanket authorization for Department of the Army civilians to carry over any excess annual leave into 2002

above the normal caps. However, existing OPM guidance on restoration of annual leave provides some opportunities to do so based upon exigency of public business or sickness. That guidance can be found on the OPM Web site [www.opm.gov/oca/leave/html/restore.htm](http://www.opm.gov/oca/leave/html/restore.htm).

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# MWR UPDATE

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For more information, call Outdoor Recreation, 410-278-4124.

**Registration for winter youth sports**

Aberdeen Proving Ground cheerleading and boys and girls youth basketball (league) registration will be held Monday through Friday during regular business hours Oct. 25 to Nov. 9 by appointment with Amie Pryzagoda. Pryzagoda is also providing walk-in registrations in the evenings in Aberdeen, building 2485, Oct. 29, Nov. 5 and 7, 5 to 7 p.m. Registration in the evenings at Edgewood will be Oct. 30, Nov. 6 and 8 from 5 to 7 p.m., building E-1902. The season runs November through March.

Cheerleader's age as of Dec. 31, 2001 must be between 7 and 14 in order to register. Bring your child for a cheerleader uniform fitting at the Aberdeen Youth Sports Nov. 10, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or Nov. 14, 6 to 8 p.m. The Edgewood program will have Cheerleader uniform fittings on Nov. 13, 6 to 8 p.m. Fee is \$30 per player or cheerleader and 10 percent off siblings.

Basketball clinics for ages 4 to 6 (age as of Nov. 1, 2001) will be held on Saturday, Nov. 10 and 17, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 29, 1:30 to 3 p.m. Fee is \$15 (for tee shirt and award). Registration will be held the same dates



and times as basketball league registration.

Anyone interested in volunteering as a coach for the clinics should call Bill Kegley, 410-306-2297.

**Nike SWOOSH Club**

Nike SWOOSH Clubs are teen leadership groups that promote physical fitness, interest in sports and the potential for athletics-related careers. Held in Boys & Girls Clubs across the United States, NIKE SWOOSH Clubs enroll males and females ages 13 and older. Teen NIKE SWOOSH Club members are trained to coach, officiate, keep score, conduct sports-related community service project and assist staff with sports clinics and camps. Club members who complete at least 25 volunteer hours are eligible to attend a NIKE Sports Leadership Camp.

**Edgewood Arts & Crafts**

Edgewood Arts & Crafts is open to active and retired military, civilians, and contractors working on Aberdeen Proving Ground and their dependents. Located in building E-4440 next to the military police station near the troop store, hours of operation are Thursday, 1 to 9 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 410-436-2153 during listed hours.

**Ceramics class:** A basic ceramics class will be held Oct. 13, Nov. 10 and Dec. 8, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This class teaches the basics of mold pouring, glazing, and painting. Cost is \$7 plus supplies.

**Porcelain Dolls:** Dates for this class are not yet available. Cost will be \$30 plus supplies. Class participants will make a Sugar Britches doll, a great gift for friends or family. Class size is limited and pre registration is required. This is a progressive class so participants should plan on attending all three sessions.

**Woodshop Orientation:** The woodshop will hold a safety orientation Oct. 6, Nov. 3 and Dec 1, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The cost is a \$3 user fee. This class is required in order to use the woodshop.

**Stained Glass :** A beginning stained glass class will be held Nov. 17 and Dec. 15, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Students will make a simple suncatcher using the copper foil method. Cost is \$25 and includes supplies.

**Framing Class:** A beginning matting and framing class will be held Nov. 29, 5:30 to 9 p.m.

Students must bring an 8 inch by 10 inch picture to class to frame. Register in advance, because class size is limited. Cost is \$15 plus supplies.

**Cross stitch thread and books are on sale for 10 cents each.**

## Treating Halloween safely is no trick

**Sheila Little**  
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground will participate in traditional 'trick or treating' on Oct. 31, from 6 to 8 p.m. All APG participants under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a responsible adult as they make the rounds in the housing areas.

Access to the installation will remain limited to those who possess government identification cards.

Personnel on the installation are asked to limit driving in the housing areas while costumed participants are out and about. Most serious Halloween accidents involve children and cars.

**Parents should:**

- Accompany young children.
- Inspect candy for tampering before it is eaten.

**Homeowners should:**

- Turn on outside lights as a signal of participation.
- Keep lit candles that may catch costumes on fire away from entrance ways.
- Opt for battery-powered decorations, rather than extension cords or candles.



- Inspect the path to your door and remove any potential tripping hazards.
- Keep pets away from trick or treaters.
- Limit candy or other food treats to sealed varieties.

**Children should:**

- Go with a responsible adult.
- Approach only houses that are lit.
- If sidewalks are unavailable, walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic.

- Stay in familiar neighborhoods.
- Wear costumes of appropriate length and shoes that fit. Extremely long, flowing costumes and high heels or big shoes may lead to tripping accidents.
- Avoid wearing masks when walking from house to house, use face paint as an alternative.
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# Community Notes

**THURSDAY**  
**OCTOBER 18**  
**DINNERTO HONOR KOREAN VETERANS**

The Korean War Commemoration Committee is holding a dinner honoring living and deceased Korean War veterans at 6 p.m. at the Richlin Ballroom, I-95 and Route 24 in Edgewood. Maj. Gen. Jin Ha Hwang, Republic of Korea military attaché, will present ROK service medals. The guest speaker will be retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Nels Running. Music will be provided by the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own). Tickets cost \$27 per person and should be purchased by Oct. 15. Make checks payable to Town of Bel Air, and send to 39 Hickory Avenue, Bel Air, MD 21014.

For more information, contact Ray Astor at 410-939-1369 or Blair Cross at 410-893-8145.

**FRIDAY**  
**OCTOBER 19**  
**FISH AND CHICKEN DINNERS**

The women of St. James A.M.E. Church, 617 Green Street, Havre de Grace, will sell fish and chicken dinners from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. or until sold out. Cost is \$6 each or \$6.50 with soda. Dessert is included. Delivery is available to businesses in a 15-mile radius.

Call 410-939-2267 to place an order. Proceeds will benefit the church's annual women's day program scheduled for March 24.

**SATURDAY**  
**OCTOBER 20**  
**POTOMAC MILLS MALL SHOPPINGTRIP**

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a bus trip to Potomac Mills Mall in Virginia. The mall features 220 stores, offering discounts up to 70 percent on favorite name brand merchandise, a 15-theater movie cinema, 25 eateries and several restaurants. Get a head start on holiday shopping. The price is \$20 per person for charter bus transportation.

For more information or to make reservations, call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever at 410-278-4603/4771.

**WOMEN'S SEMINAR**

Walk of Faith Ministries is presenting a one-day Women's Seminar with Cheryl Torain of Baltimore, and recording choir "Russell Delegation," 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Havre de Grace High School Auditorium.

Donations are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Proceeds will go to the Sexual Assault Resource Center of Harford County. For more information or to register, call 410-272-7944, 410-272-6583 or 410-676-0981.

**SUNDAY**  
**OCTOBER 21**  
**"WALK ON THE WILD SIDE"**

The Upper Chesapeake Chorus of Sweet Adelines International will present its annual show, "Walk on the Wild Side," a musical safari, at 3 p.m. The concert will be performed at St. Mary Magdalen Mission of St. Margaret, on Route 22 in Bel Air.

Tickets are \$10 per person or \$8 for students and seniors. To purchase tickets in advance or for more information, call Fran at 410/575-7602 or Vicki at 410/529-3012.

**GOSPEL SONG FEST**

The women of St. James A.M.E. Church, 617 Green Street, Havre de Grace, are hosting a Gospel Song Fest at 5:30 p.m. This program will benefit the church's annual women's day program scheduled for March 24. For additional information, call 410-939-2267.

**FRIDAY**  
**OCTOBER 26**  
**USO-METRO JOB FAIR**

The USO of Metropolitan Washington and the Joint Employment Transition Services, or JETS, will co-host a job fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at SOSA Recreation Center, Fort Belvoir, Va. All members of the armed services, their family members, retired military and Department of Defense and Coast Guard civilian personnel are eligible to attend. Representatives from high tech corporations, law enforcement agencies, security companies, temporary agencies and financial service companies, among others, will attend.

For more information, call Dale Jovero or Dawn Ruth, 703-696-2552.

**COUNTRY HOE DOWN**

The Harford County Country/Western Dance Association, a non-profit organization, sponsors country western dancing each Friday at the American Legion located on Parke Street in Aberdeen. Dancing will be held 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. The instructor will announce lessons. Everyone is welcome. Cost of admission is \$10 and includes draft beer, soda, chips and pretzels. For more information, call 410-272-8318.

**PARKS AND REC BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Football will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers St., Aberdeen, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$10 per ticket; additional sets are available for \$5

For tickets, call Pat Guary, 410-272-4445, or Brenda Conjour 410-273-7332.

**SATURDAY**  
**OCTOBER 27**  
**100 CHRISTIAN WOMEN IN BLACK**

The women of St. James A.M.E. Church, 617 Green Street, Havre de Grace, will present "One Hundred Christian Women in Black" at 7 p.m. Reverend Cynthia Laurie of Ebenezer A.M.E. Church, Chesapeake City, Md., is the guest speaker. Music will be provided by The Voices of Faith.

For more information, call 410-939-2267.

**FRIDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 2**  
**ABERDEEN LIONESS CLUB BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit the Aberdeen Lioness Club will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers St., Aberdeen, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$10 per ticket; additional sets are available for \$5.

For tickets, call Sandy Pierce, 410-273-7184.

**SATURDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 3**  
**WACVA MONTHLY MEETING**

The Women's Army Corps Veterans Association Maryland Free State Chapter #70 will meet 10 a.m. at the Aberdeen Senior Citizen Center. All women who have served or are serving in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, Women's Army Corps, Regular Army, Army Reserve, Army National Guard and Army Nurse Corps are welcome to attend. Also welcome, as associate members, are women of the Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard.

For more information about the association, contact Wanda Story, 410-272-5040

**CHPPM ORGANIZATION DAY BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine will be held at the Elk's Lodge, Route 40, Havre de Grace, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$10 per ticket; additional sets are available for \$5.

For tickets, call Anne Gibson, 410-378-3338 (home), 410-436-2800 (work), or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

**FREE FINGERPRINTING FOR CHILDREN**

VFW Post Auxiliary 5337 will sponsor free fingerprinting for all children, from infants to 16 years of age, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The VFW is located at 3705 Pulaski Highway, Abingdon. Fingerprints will be done by the Maryland State Police.

For more information, call VFW Post 5337, 410-676-4456.

**SUNDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 4**  
**BAKE SALE**

The Maryland Free State Chapter 70, of the Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association, will hold a bake sale at the Aberdeen Proving Ground PX, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All proceeds help maintain ongoing programs for the women veteran patients at Perry Point.

For more information, contact Wanda Story, 410-272-5040.

**FRIDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 9**  
**BASKET BINGO**

The Aberdeen Proving Ground-Edgewood Area Child Development Center will host basket bingo to benefit their Parent Child Care Association at the Aberdeen Fire Hall. Doors open at 6 p.m., bingo starts at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 and include 20 bingo games (three cards per game) with door prizes, specials and raffles.

For tickets call the APG-EA Child Development Center, 410-436-8361, Tracy Geier 410-838-0193 or Leeann Domanico, 410-836-5618.

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**FRIDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 16**  
**CWF SPONSORSTRIPTO 3 LITTLE BAKERS**

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a bus trip to the Three Little Bakers Dinner Theater to see the annual Christmas Show. The price is \$45 per person, which includes dinner, the show, and charter bus transportation. The bus will depart at 4:30 p.m.

**HARFORD COUNTY YMCA BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit Harford County Family YMCA will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers St., Aberdeen, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$10 per ticket; additional sets are available for \$5. Three Quickie games will be held throughout the night.

For tickets, call Janet Nelson, 410-836-5075, or Lisa Greene, 410-273-7931.

**SATURDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 24**  
**CWF SPONSORSTRIPTO RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL**

The CWF is sponsoring a holiday bus trip to the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Show, on Broadway, in New York City. There will be time for shopping and lunch before the show. The price is \$99 per person, which includes the show, and charter bus transportation. The bus will depart at 7 a.m. For reservations or more information, call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever, 410-278-4603/4771.

**SATURDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 9 to 16**  
**ABERDEEN LIONS PLAN VALENTINE CRUISE**

The Aberdeen Lions Club is sponsoring a seven-night Valentine cruise to the Western Caribbean in 2002. The public is invited to join the Lions on the newest Norwegian Cruise ship. "Norwegian Sun," from Miami to Georgetown, Grand Caymen; Roatan, Bay Islands; Belize City, Belize; and Cozumel, Mexico. Snorkel on the longest barrier reef in the Western Hemisphere, swim with dolphins or stingrays, or just relax on the ship.

The package includes complimentary round-trip transfers from Aberdeen to Baltimore-Washington International Airport, round-trip air from BWI to Miami, all meals and entertainment, all port charges and taxes, and a pre-cruise get-together. Call now and receive a \$50 shipboard credit per stateroom. Enjoy a romantic Valentine cruise while helping the Aberdeen Lions Club raise funds for their community service activities.

For information, call Lions club members Joyce or Ron Landbeck, 410-272-5649. For reservations, call Accent-on-Travel, 1-800-848-3273.

## LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

The garrison Library has new books for your reading pleasure. Come by and check them out.

***The American People: Creating a Nation and a Society*** edited by Gary B. Nash

***Anatomy of the Cuban Missile***

***Crisis*** by James A. Nathan

***The Bolshevik Revolution and Russian Civil War*** by Rex A. Wade

***Chesty: The Story of Lieutenant General Lewis B. Puller, USMC*** by Jon T. Hoffman

***Justice: Crimes, Trials, and Punishments*** by Dominick Dunne

***Great Feuds in History: Ten of the Liveliest Disputes Ever*** by Colin Evans

***Neighbors: The Destruction of the Jewish Community in Jedwabne, Poland*** by Jan Tomasz Gross

***Saddam Hussein: The Politics of Revenge*** by said K. Aburish

***Stolen Lives: Twenty Years in a Desert Jail*** by Malika Oufkir

Operating hours of the Aberdeen Area Library are Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Operating hours of the Edgewood Area Library are Tuesday 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Friday 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

## OC&S LIBRARY

The Ordnance Center and Schools Library is located in the basement of building 3071. Hours are Monday and Thursday, noon to 5 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday, noon to 7 p.m., and Friday, noon to 4 p.m.

## MOVIES

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**ROCK STAR**

**Friday, Nov. 19, 7 p.m.**  
**Saturday, Nov. 20, 9 p.m.**  
Starring: Mark Wahlberg, Jennifer Aniston

Based on a true story, an office supplies salesman moonlights as a musician in a tribute band. His life changes forever when he is chosen out of the blue to replace the lead singer of his all-time favorite band,

Steel Dragon. (Rated R)

**THE MUSKETEER (FREE ADMISSION)**

**Saturday, Nov. 20, 1 p.m., 7 p.m.**  
Starring: Justin Chambers, Catherine Deneuve

D'Artagnan and his fellow Musketeers are poised for battle. These legendary men of action are sworn to fight duels and right wrongs. The Musketeers are not only defying the powers that be in 17th century France, they are also defying gravity. (Rated PG-13)

## LEAVE DONATION

**Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program are:**

Ameneh M. Arasten (maternity)  
Fay Walker Banker (hip replacement)  
Marian Bellis (fracture of left tibia)  
Barbara Boyd (mother is ill)  
Bonnie Bromley (liver transplant)  
Daniel Brown (father has emphysema)  
Tammy Budkey  
Nancy Coleman-Jones (surgery)  
Tracy H Coliano-Hirsch (maternity)  
Geraldine S. Cragg  
Dawn M. Crouse (surgery)  
Bonnie K. Day (surgery)  
Rene de Pontbriand  
Tricia Lin Dietz  
Fred Dill  
Joseph R. Dugan  
Messina Enderlein  
Wayne Erb (wife is ill)  
Michael L. Hitchcock (surgery)  
Melanie A. Hoffman (parasinusitis, fibromyalgia condition)  
Stephen Howard (bone marrow transplant)  
Wayne A. Jaynes  
Evelyn K. Johnson (surgery)  
Valerie A. Jones  
Marlin Julian (heart surgery)  
Mary B. Kane (surgery on leg)  
Jennifer Keetley (maternity)  
Beverly King (caring for husband)  
William Klein  
Yvonne Lissimore (knee surgery)  
Angela R. Little (neck and shoulder injury)  
Edna L. Lobodzinski (eye surgery)

William B. McLean (kidney failure)  
Rebecca G. Mercer-Leto (heart attack)  
Stacy Miller (maternity)  
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Vincent L. Mohr (knee replacement)  
Shirley A. Murphy (terminal illness)  
Cecil Pennington (surgery)  
Suaquita R Perry (maternity leave)  
Debi L. Petosky (back surgery)  
Karen S Pense Mary E. Pettitway  
Barbara Carol Remines (surgery)  
Angela L. Reeves (maternity leave)  
Michael Reynolds  
Boyd J. Richards (care of mother)  
Denise Robinson (maternity)  
Ricky Ross (heart attack)  
Tami C. Rowland (maternity)  
Allan Scarborough (back surgery)  
Ralph A. Scutti (care of daughter)  
Sherry Schaffer  
Lena Shelton  
Motoko Stahl  
Rachel Swearingen  
Rosalind Walters-Kenion (maternity)  
Cecelia Walton (respiratory problems)  
Charles Young (kidney and pancreas transplant)  
Amber M. Vanakin (care of husband)  
Andrew M. Vaught (brain tumor removed)  
Wanda L. Waldon (surgery)  
Josephine O. Wojciechowski (care for elderly parents)

**For information about donating annual leave, call Dave Mial at 410-278-1524 or fax 410-278-7877.**















# PERSCOM launches new Web portal for reserves

Courtesy of AR-PESCOM

The Army Reserve Personnel Command added a new self-service portal Oct. 12 to its official Web site, [www.2xCitizen.usar.army.mil](http://www.2xCitizen.usar.army.mil).

The new portal, ‘My2xCitizen’, provides Army Reserve soldiers with a snapshot view of their career information and enables them to uniquely customize information to manage their Army Reserve careers. My2xCitizen supports AR-PERSCOM’s commitment to develop improved and timely services for Reserve soldiers in the field and to better support Army reservists worldwide, officials said.

Army reservists can also volunteer for current operations such as Enduring Freedom through the new portal. In addition, AR-PERSCOM has designed My2xCitizen to provide Active Army and National Guard soldiers who have served in the Army Reserve an ability to view historical retirement and promotion information.

“Our goal is to continually improve personnel readiness in any way that we can,” explained Col. Bruce Pittman. “We’re taking the next major step toward AR-PERSCOM Knowledge Management by adding My2xCitizen to AR-PERSCOM’s 2xCitizen Web site.”

My2xCitizen maintains all of the functionality and links previously available on 2xCitizen, officials said, and adds capabilities that focus on showcasing personalized career information.

- Key features include:
- Integrated secure Army Knowledge Online (AKO) login
  - Personal information, such as contact data and service data
  - Retention and Readiness information, including security clearance, physical, expiration term of service, or ETS, and other important dates
  - Electronic military personnel documents
  - Retirement information, including retirement points and ARPC Form 249-2 E generation
  - Alerts that flag key expiration dates pertaining to the soldier’s career
  - Contact information update capability (some current organization restrictions apply)
  - Customizable windows and components for personalization

AR-PERSCOM began its quest toward customer self-service with interactive voice response initiatives this past year, according to Anita Washington, portal business team leader.

“The Web portal is the next logical step in this process and represents AR-PERSCOM’s commitment to improving customer service,” she explained.

To access the portal, Reserve soldiers must obtain a valid Army Knowledge Online login and password. Soldiers can then log into the portal directly from the 2xCitizen Web-site home page at [www.2xCitizen.usar.army.mil](http://www.2xCitizen.usar.army.mil). To register for an AKO account, soldiers should go to [www.us.army.mil](http://www.us.army.mil).

## Studies show spouse satisfaction is key to retention

**Dr. Richard Fafara**  
USAACFSC

*This is the first of a two-part series on research findings on Army families and children.*

Research findings about soldier families and children bear directly or indirectly on the success and importance of our Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs. The following findings emerged from U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center-sponsored research implemented by the U.S. Army Research Institute, Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, the RAND Arroyo Center, and the office of U.S. Army Chief of Chaplains.

Army family studies show conclusively that military spouse satisfaction is a crucial factor in raising soldier retention. Key determinants of spousal influence on the soldier’s decision to stay in or leave the Army are the predictability of normal duty hours in garrison and the sheer number of duty hours and days. Excessive duty time can undermine spouse satisfaction with the soldier’s unit chain of command and desire to lead an Army way of family life. There is evidence that with increasing operational tempo, soldiers regret missed parenting time with their children and less off-duty family time. Lost child-rearing time adversely affects both married and single parent soldiers, discouraging some from continuing

their Army careers. Army surveys also indicate that most single and divorced soldiers have a serious ‘significant other’ whose influence on their soldier’s retention decision is similar to that of the military spouse.

There are also significant correlations between spouse satisfaction with their own work lives and Army family life. A large minority of Army spouses (one-fourth) across the ranks prefers homemaking and/or raising their children at home rather than working for pay outside the home.

These voluntary homemakers typically are more supportive of their soldier making the Army a career than are some working spouses. Most spouses who like their paid jobs or pursue training for a better job also support soldier retention. But some spouses express dissatisfaction with not finding employment in line with their credentials near Army installations. Yet other spouses resent having to go to work just to make ends meet financially, preferring to dedicate themselves to child rearing and homemaking.

Up to one-fourth of Army spouses report dissatisfaction with their home or work situations, which is linked to influencing their soldiers not to make the Army a career.

When soldiers and their spouses really believe they live in a “quality community” and their community neighborhood is a good place in which to raise children, soldier retention

increases. Family perceptions of the quality of life at Army duty stations relate to quality schooling for children, safety at home and in public places, and access to valued recreational and cultural resources. These factors help to determine soldier retention choices at a specific post. Anticipating a permanent change of station to a lower quality duty station and community reduces spouse and soldier desire for future retention, and vice-versa.

Survey data show that soldiers and families who are stabilized for several years in “high quality” communities report an increased desire for career retention and a stronger preference for the Army as a way of life.

*(Editor’s note: Permission was granted to reprint this July 2001 Feedback article from author, Richard Fafara, senior research analyst in the Strategic Planning and Policy Directorate, U.S. Army Community & Family Support Center. He has devoted most of his 20 years of federal employment developing studies of Army soldiers and their families, and translating results to influence resource, policy and program decisions. Fafara is a graduate of Seton Hall University and earned a masters and doctorate from the University of Toronto. Dr. Joel Teitelbaum, Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, contributed to this story.)*

## SGLI family coverage changes effective Nov. 1

**David G. Burdick**  
Office of the Adjutant

The Veterans’ Opportunities Act of 2001 extends life insurance coverage to spouses and children of members insured under the Servicemember’s Group Life Insurance program effective Nov. 1.

### Family coverage defined

Family coverage is available only for members insured under the SGLI program. It is not available for those insured under the Veterans Group Life Insurance program.

It will be available for the spouses and children of active duty servicemembers, and members of the Ready Reserve of a uniformed service. Each dependent child of every active duty servicemember of a reservist who is insured under SGLI is automatically insured for \$10,000. This coverage is free and cannot be declined.

Spouse coverage is automatic at the maximum rate, which is \$100,000 or not to exceed servicemember coverage under SGLI, whichever is less. This coverage will be deducted from the servicemember’s pay unless declined or reduced by the servicemember. The procedure to do this is explained below.

Initial, automatic coverage is without regard to current health status of family members. Should a servicemember decline coverage now, and later desire to insure their spouse, proof of his or her good health will be required.

### Procedures explained

Military Personnel Division

personnel will process soldiers’ request for declination or election of reduced amounts, utilizing SGLV Form 8286A, August 2001. The signed original SGLV-8286A will be filed in the soldiers’ military personnel record jacket; a photocopy will be provided to the soldier for personal use. To ensure proper deduction rate, election must be received by the MPD later than Nov. 20 to avoid premium deductions being collected for the month of November. Refunds will be issued to soldiers that decline or reduce coverage after Nov. 20, but before Dec. 1. There will be no refunds for soldiers that decline/reduce coverage after Nov. 30.

Unit commanders should become familiar with this program and include information relating to it in command information training or related meetings/briefings to members of their organizations. Note – to avoid undesired automatic payroll deduction, declination or election of reduced amount must be exercised prior to Nov. 20.

### Additional information

Additional information, to include frequently asked questions, premium rates, etc is available at [www.insurance.va.gov/sglivgli/sglifam.htm](http://www.insurance.va.gov/sglivgli/sglifam.htm).

For more information on permanent party issues, contact John King, Personnel Services Branch, 410-306-2308. Trainee/student personnel should contact Drew Nobles, 410-306-2333.

## Relief Act only for pre-active duty debt

Courtesy of Military.com

The Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Civil Relief Act will lower military members’ mortgage interest to 6 percent — but only if the loan existed before the member came on active duty. The law’s relief provisions apply to existing debts when members come on active duty.

The law has no effect on debt incurred while on active duty.

In addition, the Act protects military renters from being evicted from their property, and allows them to terminate leases without penalty if doing so is in their own interests.

HUD officials advise affected Guard and Reserve members on active duty to contact their lenders immediately to take advantage of the mortgage rate cap.

The act prohibits any mortgage lender from initiating foreclosure action against persons in military service while on active duty and three

months thereafter without court approval or an agreement between the parties.

All affected personnel should call a new toll-free number, (888) 297-8685, for more information or visit the HUD Website at [www.hud.gov/](http://www.hud.gov/).

Servicemembers who are not eligible for the Soldiers’ and Sailors’

Civil Relief Act have other options. If you who bought your home when interest rates were higher, or if you have an adjustable-rate mortgage, refinancing could save you thousands of dollars, lower your monthly payments, and shave years off your mortgage. Military.com has an easy one-page form to help servicemembers apply for refinancing. For more information visit [www.military.com/Finance/Content?ESRC=mr.nl&file=refinance\\_leader.htm&area=Content](http://www.military.com/Finance/Content?ESRC=mr.nl&file=refinance_leader.htm&area=Content).

## 2002 Scholarships for Military Children Program announced

Courtesy of Military.com

Applications for the second annual Defense Commissary Agency/Fisher House Foundation Scholarships for Military Children Program will be available beginning Nov. 1 at local base commissaries and for download at [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com). Qualified sons and daughters of U.S. military identification card holders, including active duty servicemembers, retirees, and Guard/reserves, may apply for the \$1,500 scholarships.

Eligibility of applicants, including survivors of deceased members, will be determined using the DoD ID Card Directive.

The deadline for filing applications is Feb. 5, 2002. Student eligibility will be verified through the Defense Enrollment and Eligibility Reporting System before scholarships are awarded.

Sponsors should ensure that their children are enrolled in DEERS prior to applying for a scholarship.

The Fisher House Foundation is administering the Scholarships for Military Children program through a professional scholarship evaluation company.

A permanent information page for the Scholarships for Military Children Program has been added to [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com). Look for the link under “What’s New.”

Additional information on scholarships for military personnel and their dependents can be found at Military.com’s education resource.

## Powers of attorney sometimes necessary in military life

Courtesy of Military.com

There are many occasions during the course of a military career that a power of attorney might be necessary. There are two basic types of power of attorney: special and general.

A general power of attorney gives the person who holds it the power to conduct business in your name. Servicemembers can grant a special power of attorney, which spells out the specific ways it can be used. Base legal assistance attorneys can help servicemembers determine which type of power of attorney will best meet their needs.

Medical powers of attorney are used if a person becomes incapacitated and someone else needs to make medical decisions.

Generally, powers of attorney are granted for one year.

Servicemembers can revoke a power of attorney in two ways if circumstances change. The first and simpler is to physically destroy the original document. The second is to write a letter of revocation, have it notarized and send a copy to the person holding the power of attorney.

It’s best to also send a copy of the revocation to places where the person is likely to use the power of attorney, such as banks or moving companies.

Military servicemembers and their families can have powers of attorney drawn up and notarized at most base legal assistance offices.

## Remember

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a unified country, patience and the men and women of its military. He promised the damage to the Pentagon would be quickly rebuilt “brick by brick” and that the military would have every resource it needs to assure victory over terrorism.

“Unlike our enemies, we value every life, and we mourn every loss — yet we are not afraid,” Bush said. “Our cause is just and worthy of sacrifice; our nation is strong of heart, firm of purpose. Inspired by all the courage that has come before, we will meet our moment and we will prevail.”

In addition to the president

and his wife, Laura, other dignitaries who attended the memorial service included former President Bill Clinton and his wife, Senator Hillary Clinton, and Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld.

“These heroic deaths reminds us of a new kind of evil, an evil of horrific menace to which this nation and world have now been fully awakened because of them,” Rumsfeld said. “In causing this awakening, the terrorists have assured their own destruction. And, those we mourn today have, in the moment of their death, assured their own triumph over hate and fear. For out of this act of terror and the awakening it brings, here and across the globe, will surely come a victory over terrorism.”



Photo by GERRY J. GILMORE  
*People begin filling up the VIP and other guest seating at the Pentagon memorial service honoring the 189 victims of the Sept. 11 attack on the building. About 25,000 persons attended the Oct. 11 service.*





Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

A platoon of firefighters await their turn to present folded American flags to the families of fallen firefighters during the 20th Annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Tribute at Emmitsburg, Md.



Photo by ANDRE FOURNIER  
President George W. Bush gives the keynote address at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Tribute.



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

From left, Fort Campbell, Ky., Fire Chief Steve Stacey, Lucas Spink, 14, Judy Spink, Andre Fournier, APG fire protection specialist, Susan Evans and George Hollenbaugh, APG firefighter, pose in front of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Park after the ceremony. Fournier and Hollenbaugh served as escorts to two of the 101 families at the annual memorial ceremony. Robert O. Spink, a 24-year veteran of the Fort Campbell Fire Department, died Feb. 13, 2000.

## Firefighters

### From front page

“Know that your loved ones are not forgotten. They hold an honored place in the memory of our country.”

After laying a presidential wreath at the foot of the memorial, the president and his entourage departed for the White House.

The emotion-laden ceremony culminated with the traditional presentation of flags. With military precision, firemen from across the country, carrying folded American flags marched forward one at a time as each name was called.

A squad of six fire chiefs presented a flag and a single

rose to each family or representative of the 101 fallen firefighters.

A single bell peal followed each presentation marking the passing of a fallen comrade. Many were overcome with emotion during the solemn ritual.

Fournier and Hollenbaugh escorted the families of Richard O. Spink of Fort Campbell, Ky., and Phillip D. Smith of Georgia, respectively.

Both agreed that they were honored to participate in the ceremony.

“Loss is always unfortunate and you feel for the families,” Fournier said.

But ceremonies like this are very needed. It’s how we take care of our own.”

In a final tribute, bagpipers from the Firefighter’s Emerald Society Pipe Band of Washington, D.C., and the Mesa Pipe Band of Arizona joined an honor guard recessional of 50 squads representing the nation’s 50 states as they marched forward in a dazzling display of unit and national colors.

All stood at ‘present arms’ or in silent contemplation as firefighter Fred McDowell of California’s Costa Mesa Fire Department played Taps.

Among the flag bearers was Lt. Michael Smith of Anne Arundel County Fire Department, the brother of the Edgewood Area Fire Department’s Capt. David Smith.

Thirty-nine states and

Puerto Rico lost firefighters during the year 2000. The state of Texas had the single highest loss at nine.

The ceremony’s guests included Hal Bruno, chair of the National Firefighters Foundation and Joe Allbaugh, director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Several mayors, senators and congressional leaders from around the country also were in attendance, including Maryland Senators Paul Sarbanes and Barbara Mikulski and Congressmen Steny Hoyer and Roscoe Bartlett.

Sarbanes, Hoyer and Bartlett unveiled the plaque listing the names of the year 2000 fallen firefighters.

Reverend Bevon Smith, the father of 1989 fallen firefighter Paul H. Smith of Hattiesburg, Miss., offered the closing benediction, thanking God for the lives of those honored and asking all to pray for the nation.

“Pray for our families and our nation in this time of crisis,” he asked. “Remember our leaders and our men and women in the military.”

Two hours after the president’s departure, U.S. and British forces began air strikes on Afghanistan in response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks that claimed the lives of thousands of people, including more than 300 New York City firefighters.



Photo by ANDRE FOURNIER  
A member of the Firefighters’ Emerald Society Band from Washington, D.C., marches in the Honor Guard Recessional at the end of the program



## APG observes Disability Awareness Month

### The Disability Awareness Month Observance Luncheon:

Thursday, Oct. 18, 11:30 a.m.  
Top of the Bay

### Guest speaker:

Greg Smith, founder of On A Roll Radio, the only syndicated weekly commercial radio talk show on life and disability

### Entertainment:

The Dancing Wheels (an integrated professional modern dance company comprised of dancers with and without disabilities)

Exhibits by various disability support vendors will

be on display, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., second level at Top of the Bay (elevator accessible).

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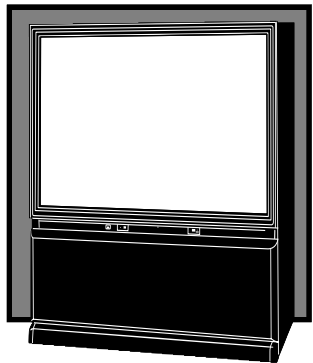
Tickets cost \$14 per person and must be purchased by Oct. 11

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# ECA employee receives Superior Civilian Service Award

**Kathy DeWeese**  
ECA

A supervisory quality assurance specialist assigned to Edgewood Chemical Activity, was awarded the Superior Civilian Service Award, Oct. 2, by Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of Aberdeen Proving Ground and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command.

Francis X. Murphy, who lives in Bel Air, has been assigned to several key positions at Aberdeen Proving Ground since 1994, including service as Edgewood Chemical Activity's civilian executive assistant, Operations Enterprise business manager and quality assurance specialist for the Chemical Stockpile

Emergency Preparedness Program Office. He was cited for his "technical knowledge, mission dedication and superior negotiation skills" that were "key to strong working relationships with commanders, tenant directors, community leaders and external supporting organizations."

A native of Buffalo, N.Y., Murphy now prepares for his next assignment at U.S. Army Europe Headquarters in Heidelberg, Germany.

"Fran is totally dedicated to mission accomplishment," said Maj. William P. Huber, Edgewood Chemical Activity commander. "He is the model of exceptional flexibility, capability, and enthusiasm. He is going to be greatly missed."



Photo by KATHY DeWEESE

Edgewood Chemical Activity Civilian Executive Assistant Francis Murphy, right, took part in briefings for Harford County Executive James Harkins, center, during a May visit to the Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility construction site. Also pictured from left are, Robert Rizzieri, ABCDF resident engineer, James Mason, then Harford County public information officer, Douglas Richmond, Harford County emergency operations manager, and Joseph Lovrich, ABCDF site project manager.

# Harford County remembers USS Cole victim

**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

On Oct. 12, the nation paused to observe the first anniversary of the terrorist attack on the USS Cole that killed 17 sailors, including Harford County native Engine Fireman Joshua Parlett, 19, of Churchville.

While a large memorial service commemorating the victims was held at Naval Station, Norfolk, Va., the USS Cole's homeport, Harford County marked the occasion with a quiet service for family members and friends at Parlett's burial site in Harford Memorial Gardens.

At the cemetery, family members, led by Leroy Parlett, the young man's father, looked on quietly as members of Aberdeen's American Legion Post 128 conducted the service.

Flanked by honor guard members Angela Conlon, a retired staff sergeant and employee of the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, and Tony Renieri, post commander, Fred Savadge placed a wreath of white roses on the grave as the post's salute team fired three volleys then stood at attention for the playing of TAPS.

The audience listened as Lisa Samson, sang "A Lonely Sailor's Prayer," a poem written by Parlett that she put to music.

"His family received the poem about 10 days before the tragedy," Simpson said later. "This was my way of expressing my love for the family."

Leroy Parlett, noting that his wife, Etta and other relatives were attending the service in Virginia, said he was touched by the condolences received from the local organizations.

"We were supposed to go to Norfolk together but when we heard about this, we decided one of us should be here," Parlett said.

"We're so grateful for all this," he added. "All we want is for our boy to be remembered."

Joshua Parlett had been in the Navy for 14 months when the attack occurred. While anchored near Yemen, a small boat filled with explosives pulled alongside his ship then exploded, leaving a gaping hole in its side. Authorities believe that the millionaire terrorist, Usama bin Laden, who also is accused of masterminding the Sept. 11 attacks on America, backed the assault.

The incident is still under investigation by the FBI, the State Department and the Yemeni government.

As the family and the guard members made their way back across the quiet field to the parking area, the final, prophetic words of young Parlett's poem went with them: "Dear God, I come to You today to ask for help along the way."

Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON



Leroy Parlett weeps over the grave of his son, Engine Fireman Joshua L. Parlett in Harford Memorial Gardens following the ceremony marking the first anniversary of the bombing of the USS Cole. The younger Parlett was one of 17 sailors killed in the Oct. 12, 2000 terrorist attack.

# A flag display primer: Flag etiquette 101

**Sheila Little**  
APG News

Displaying patriotism has really taken off since terrorist action resulted in a revival of the love of country. Americans are now displaying U.S. flags more than ever, and although hearts are in the right place, some need a review of flag etiquette.

## On a home or building

When the flag is displayed from a staff projecting horizontally or at an angle from a window sill, balcony, or front of the building, the union or stars of the flag should be placed at the peak, unless the flag is at half staff. If other flags are on adjacent poles, the U.S. flag should always be to the right of other flags, which, when seen from the street, is on the viewer's left.

## With other flags, pennants

When flown with other flags, such as state flags or pennants, the U.S. flag should always be at the peak. No other flags or pennants should appear above it. When flown with flags on adjacent staffs, the U.S. flag is the first raised and the last lowered, and should appear to the outside viewer as being on the left.



Photo by SHEILA LITTLE

Homes along Plumb Point Loop show the correct way to display the colors.

## On a wall or window

When displayed with another flag against a wall from crossed staffs, the U.S. flag staff should cross in front of the other flag staff and the U.S. flag should be seen on the viewer's left.

When the flag is not being displayed from a staff, it should be displayed flat. When either horizontal or vertical, the

union should be at the top, and at the flag's right, which is the viewer's left. When displayed in a window, it should be displayed the same way, with the union on the viewer's left.

## On a vehicle

If on a bumper, the staff will be on the left front, with the stars on the viewer's left.

On an antenna, the stars should be closest the antenna.

On the window, the stars are on the left when viewed from outside.

## Outdoor flying conditions

Flags should be taken indoors at night if there is no light on the flag, and should not be flown in

stormy weather.

Those new to APG housing may pick up a U.S. flag for outdoor display at the Re-Nu-It centers, free of charge. If residents are missing the pole bracket, that will also be provided for self-installation. You may contact the Aberdeen Re-Nu-It Center at 410-278-8814. The number for the Edgewood facility is 410-436-2398.